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A Timely Admonition.

Said the President at Pittsburgh: "And now, in conclusion, let me say that I do not want you merely to listen to speeches. I want you to become active partisans for national de-fense. I do not want you to go home and merely say, 'The President seems to be a good fellow,' but I want you to realize deeply that the people must be for preparedness. Out of what seems to be an intricate debate a grand plan of national defense, I beieve, will result-a plan, I trust, of real adequate national preparedness."

He saw a great throng before him. He heard enthusiastic applause. But did this mean so much to the good for preparedness?

The President did well to close his address with an admonition. He had made an allowance for curiosity. He had made another allowance for the respect always felt and exhibited for the office he was holding. But he wanted practical results, and so asked for them in frank fashion.

In this country, all over the country, celebrities draw well. Thousands flock to an advertised meeting. Some simply want to see the "attraction." If he is an orator some want to observe his "business"-his use of his voice, his favorite and not an arsenal, or a highly developed most effective gesture. And so the problem always is to appraise the real for the incidental destruction of value of an audience to a cause-to determine how many are present to see, how many to hear and how many to reflect on what they hear.

In his first campaign for the presidency Mr. Bryan, who had very much in his favor-youth, handsome presence, eloquence and marked earnestness-set the west, portions of the middle west and the south, afire. Larger attendance at political meetings had never been seen. Greater ment of London from the enthusiasm for a speaker had never skies there is little excuse. It would been shown. He and his friends ac- appear that nothing is needed in cepted it all as evidence of support, and banked on success at the polls.

They were disappointed. Campaign manifestations did not later take the form of ballots. It turned out that many of those who had cessful prosecution. But if there crowded to see and hear him had returned home feeling that Mr. Bryan was an attractive man and "a good fellow," but not at all convinced on the subject of free silver. They dis- land there has been a rush of reappointed him on election day.

Mr. Bryan's fashion, and has no planes, and the net result of these tricks of the trade to offer. But he visitations has been actually disadis a most felicitous phrasemaker, and vantageous to Germany. In all the secures attention. He would draw well on his individual merits. But the aerial attacks on Paris have been as President he draws enormously.

We shall not know until later the real value of the interest now being manifested, and that will continue to be manifested, in the President as an advocate of preparedness. When his tours are completed, and senators and representatives have "heard from home," it will be possible to get a line on any changes he may have made in the situation.

As a man of official responsibility and personal honor, Carranza will, of course, lose no time in disproving charges that he is not affording even the protection in his power to United States citizens in Mexico.

Efforts may yet be made to take advantage of the fact that senatorial courtesy is not even as much as a scrap of paper.

There will not be much patience with any proposition to hold a series of investigations as a prelude to preparedness.

China is evidently willing to try any kind of a government once.

New York.

Much more than local interest attaches to the fact that Elihu Root will preside over the coming republican state convention in New York. If he improves the opportunity-and there is no reason why he should not -his speech as chairman should have a bearing on the whole national po-

litical situation. of the War Department, at the head Senate of the United States, and distinguished himself in all three arenas.

New York is very much in the napresidential nomination, while a fifth

Mr. Roosevelt—is thought to have
the eyes fixed in the same direction.

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as to men and measures. Neither the invented fears were expressed that Root boom, the Whitman boom, the it would lead to crime through the Hughes boom, nor the Wadsworth comparative safety of the discharge boom is booming at its best, but all of deadly weapons. But so far as are booming. The Roosevelt boom known this device has not been used MONDAY January 31, 1916 booms all the time, but the volume for criminal purposes. Nor has it

of sound is not growing. As the New York republicans-es- weapon it lacks the propulsive power pecially those upstate-are protec- of the ordinary rifle or pistol, and tionists, the Underwood law is not there is furthermore no particular to their fancy, though as yet they advantage in the silencing of small have put forward no details as to arms when the great guns make such how it should be revised. They are a furious concussion. It is quite difnot entirely satisfied with the new ferent, however, if a new explosive currency law, nor with the present has been discovered that is more shape of trust regulation. They are powerful than ordinary ammunition in favor of preparedness, though not while possessing the additional qualommitted as to details.

Here, then, will be an opportunity which seldom comes to the chairman large caliber the character of the of a state political convention, and fighting in Europe might be materialhere is a man of a grade seldom ly changed. A noiseless, smokeless available for that place. What he bombardment would add to the terror says will be read far and wide. At Chicago New York will desire

and be expected to play a leading role. Presumably Mr. Root will attend as a delegate; and if so no more interesting man will figure in the convention.

New York are getting together, and the eyes of all beholders and given to when together are formidable. And that portion of Washington an unthey have reason for their course. A strong effort is on foot to bring the democrats of the state together. the substitution of a new hotel on The administration is making eyes a large scale for the historic hostelry at Tammany, and Tammany, expect- at that point has been attended by ing the signal, is responding. Leader such complications that hope seemed Murphy has just testified publicly to lost for the early utilization of this his admiration of the way Mr. Wilson is conducting affairs, and a postmaster for the metropolis acceptable to him will soon be appointed.

Air Attacks on Paris. The Germans have resumed aerial

attacks on Paris, making two raids

in twenty-four hours with the net

result, so far as reported, of thirty dead and a larger number injured, but so far as known without the infliction of any damage of military importance. Indeed, it is difficult to understand any military reason for a raid of this character. Paris is munitions manufacturing point. Save civilian life and the possible resulting demoralization, it might be razed without affecting the military fortunes of the French. There is perhaps a slightly stronger reason for the aerial bombardment of London inasmuch as the British capital is closely connected with the sea and some important naval works are located just east of the metropolis. But even for the bombard-France to a rouse the spirit of the people, for they are already unanimously enlisted in the war with the firmest determination to sacrifice everything, if need be, for its sucwere any flagging there the wanton dropping of bombs upon the capital without military excuse would undoubtedly cause a change. In Engcruits whenever bombs have been Mr. Wilson is not, an orator after dropped from Zeppelins and airplanned to accompany the furious drive that has developed during the last few days against the French line Dompierre, where some gains have been effected by the German forces.

> The Zeppelin raid is not accom panied by enough destructive result to entitle it to much regard as a military maneuver, however important it may be considered for moral effect.

outer defense line.

A man may speak his mind unmolested, as President Wilson observes, but it is usually hard for him to get away uncriticised.

The Ford party still stands on the argument that the perils of personal argument are less than those of actual warfare.

There are fears that the "verge of war," being out-of-date in Europe, will be brought into prominence in this country.

The Supreme Court affords a career often most exciting.

Noiseless Ammunition.

It is suggested that the man, suposedly a maniac, who wantonly shot four people in Albany the other night litical situation.

He is a national quantity. For almost a score of years he has played a great part in national affairs. In that time he has served at the head cartridge." The police have obtained

four people in Albany the other night without making any noise used a secret form of explosive which has been characterized as a "chemical About the summertime. But now we mention it with care that time he has served at the head cartridge." The police have obtained possession of a cartridge in which of the State Department and in the the explosive charge is a compressed mixture of fulminate and mercury, which is declared to be several times As Secretary of War he did much as powerful as gunpowder. The infor the army, as Secretary of State timation is that an arms factory has he did much for our diplomacy, and been for some time experimenting No more we'll sing of "me as senator his counsels were often with this "noiseless ammunition" for accepted in matters of the first im- use in the European war, and it is suggested that the man who fired the shots in Albany was an employe tional picture. Four of her sons- of that establishment and got pos-

been adopted in war. As a military ity of virtual silence. If this ammunition could be applied to guns of of the conflict.

To Fill the Arlington Hole.

Whatever the enterprise, it is gratifying to learn that something is to be done with the unsightly excavation at H street and Vermont avenue that kempt and decrepit appearance. The unfortunate failure of the plan for most advantageous site, and there appeared no prospect of building operations that would put an end to a condition that has become a veritable public nuisance. Now a scheme is under way that will make use of this land. The hope is that the resulting building will be attractive in appearance. Washington has a number of these unsightly places, and whenever one is occupied by a worthy construction a distinct gain is effected in the development of the

The theory that anything of which Wall street disapproves must be good for the country is to come up for discussion again in connection with the appointment of Mr. Brandeis.

William J. Bryan apparently entertains no fears that it will be necessary for him to retire from the convention because of authoritative expressions in which he cannot concur.

One of the most reassuring facts concerning the submarine controversy is that no ships carrying Americans have been torpedoed recently.

A temporary chairman may be chosen far enough in advance to make him closely resemble a permanent institution.

As an examiner of mails John Bull s busier than the old-time postmaster at a small summer resort.

Europe is carrying out enormous programs of preparedness in the nidst of actual hostilities.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Politely Man

"I met a footpad the other night."

"He wasn't that crude. He said in the neighborhood of Arras and he regretted that it would be necessary to put me to pecuniary inconvenience, and possibly subject me to Even so, the military utility of the physical peril, and that the exigencies air attack is questionable, inasmuch of the moment were such that the as resistance to Zeppelins and laws customarily relied on for protec-"taubes" does not call for land forces tion would have to be suspended. So and there is no weakening of the I handed him my watch and pocket-

Efforts Misapplied. ometimes this world breeds discon-

And keeps on getting scrappier, Because of efforts which were meant To make it vastly happier.

Husbands have become so kind and considerate that a woman has to go to the theater in order to realize how tyrannical and cruel society is toward ier sex.

One of 'Em. "Bliggins is a jingo." "Does he want to fight?" "No. He wants somebody else to."

Compelled to Be Genuine.

"Remember the eyes of the nation are on you," exclaimed the constitu-

"I know it," replied Senator of quiet dignity, but the approach is Sorghum. "And the nation's getting more acutely discerning every day. The time is gone when a man can assume an impressive pose and get by as an optical illusion."

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"Did he demand your money or your life?"

oook."

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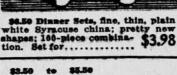
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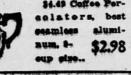
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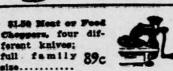
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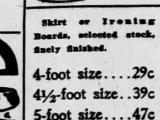


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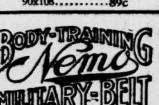
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